GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SPURIOUS BABY FOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adulterated baby food, milk and spurious baby cereals are freely being sold in Delhi as has been brought out in `Delhi Times` magazine section of the Times of India dated December 4, 2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government has directed the areas SDMs to conduct PFA raids at all points where these items are being sold; and

(c) if so, number of samples were lifted and found adulterated alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Government of Delhi has informed that it is not a fact that adulterated baby food, milk and spurious baby cereals are being freely sold in Delhi. They had directed SDMs to conduct raids for lifting samples of baby food from their respective areas.However, the work of lifting of samples could not be taken over in view of the fact that all the SDMs were deputed to seal the polluted industrial units in their areas under the directions of Supreme Court of India.The Government of Delhi has been advised to pick up and analyse samples of baby food on a regular basis.